

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title as follows:

--DISK DRIVE UNIT AND INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE

HAVING A SCRATCH PREVENTING MEMBER--

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten Abstract which appears on a separate sheet.

~~Please~~ replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Many [[of]] conventional information processing devices employ disk drive units such as a DVD-ROM drive unit and a CD-ROM drive unit which can be automatically inserted and discharged, and a disk insertion and discharge slot of a DVD-ROM drive unit is in many cases mounted with a panel for a drive unit unique to a manufacturer.--

~~Please~~ replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 19, bridging pages 1 and 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--When a new disk medium whose outer peripheral portion is too roughly finished ~~to make the~~ with a coarse edge [[sandy]] is inserted into a conventional DVD-ROM drive unit which can be automatically inserted and discharged, there occurs a case where the disk is caught by a felt member for dust prevention/~~blindfolding~~ concealment provided in the vicinity of a disk insertion and discharge slot when the disk pushes to open and pass through a slit of the felt member. Then, there is a

case where catching resistance between the disk and the felt member is larger than medium discharging force of the DVD-ROM drive unit and in this case, the disk will not be discharged but return into the drive unit again or it will stop halfway.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 23, bridging pages 2 and 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--According to the first aspect of the invention, a disk drive unit with which a disk medium is to be mounted for access, wherein

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in the vicinity of a disk insertion and discharge slot of a panel into and from which the disk medium is inserted and discharged, a felt member for ~~blindfolding~~ concealment is provided which has a slit for insertion of the disk medium along a longitudinal direction of the discharge slot, and

a plurality of slits are provided for every predetermined interval in a direction perpendicular to the slit of the felt member.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--According to the third aspect of the invention, in a disk drive unit with which a disk medium is to be mounted for access, a panel structure having a disk insertion and discharge slot into and from which the disk medium is inserted and discharged, wherein

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in the vicinity of the disk insertion and discharge slot of a panel into and from which the disk medium is inserted and discharged, a felt member for ~~blindfolding~~ concealment is provided which has a slit for insertion of the disk medium along a longitudinal direction of the discharge slot, and

a plurality of slits are provided for every predetermined interval in a direction perpendicular to the slit of the felt member.--

Please replace ~~the~~ paragraph beginning at page 6, line 18, bridging pages 6 and 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--According to another aspect of the invention, an information processing device having a disk drive unit with which a disk medium is to be mounted for access, wherein

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in the vicinity of a disk insertion and discharge slot of a panel in the disk drive unit into and from which the disk medium is inserted and discharged, a felt member for ~~blindfolding~~ concealment is provided which has a slit for insertion of the disk medium along a longitudinal direction of the discharge slot, and

a plurality of slits are provided for every predetermined interval in a direction perpendicular to the slit of the felt member.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 1 to [9] 4, 6, 7 and 9 are views showing a structure of a first embodiment of a disk drive unit according to the present invention. Shown in these figures is a disk drive unit 2 having a cloth member (felt member) 4 for ~~blindfolding~~ concealment disposed in the vicinity of a disk insertion and discharge slot 3 through which a disk medium 1 such as a DVD-ROM disk is inserted and discharged into and from the disk drive unit 2 and having a slit 5 provided in the felt member 4 through which slit the disk medium 1 is inserted in the longitudinal direction of the discharge slot 3, in which a plurality of slits 6 are disposed for every predetermined interval in a direction perpendicular to the slit 5.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The disk drive unit according to the first embodiment, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, includes the patch 10 for preventing scratches of the disk medium 1 such as a DVD-ROM disk on which patch the convex portion 9 is formed, the felt member 4 for dust prevention/~~blindfolding~~ concealment, an operation button 13 for discharging the disk medium 1 and a panel 14 for incorporating these components.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 23, bridging pages 13 and 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Fig. 3 is an expanded view of the felt member 4 for dust prevention/~~blindfolding~~ concealment. The felt member 4 includes the long horizontal slit 5 for disk insertion and the plurality of vertical slits 6 perpendicular to the horizontal slit 5 and is attached to the back surface of the disk insertion and discharge slot 3 of the panel 14 by a double adhesive tape.--

Please replace ~~the~~ paragraph beginning at page 14, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The purpose of the provision of the vertical slits 6 provided in the felt member 4 is to facilitate falling of the felt member 4 toward the moving direction of the disk medium 1 and to make catching resistance between the disk medium 1 and the felt member 4 be smaller than the medium discharging force of the DVD-ROM disk drive unit when the disk medium 1 pushes to open and pass through the horizontal slit 5 of the felt member 4. It is clear that provision of the vertical slits 6 will not spoil dust prevention and ~~blindfolding~~ concealment effects.--

Please replace ~~the~~ paragraph beginning at page 16, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--When the felt member 4 turns over at the outer periphery of the disk medium 1, because of a combination with a new medium which makes the outer periphery (edge) ~~sandy~~ coarse, the ~~sandy~~ coarse part and the turned over part cause frictional resistance to result such that the coarse part catches on the felt. [[in]] In some cases [[in]] that catch of the disk medium

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1 and the felt member 4 becomes larger than medium discharging force, causing such troubles as described above to occur.--
